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HISTORY

OF

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

KEYPORT, NEW JERSEY

PERIOD FROM JANUARY, 1949, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1955

By Mark O. Whitney, Historian

The history of this church from its inception up to 1937 has been given in the previous account related by the former Church Historian, Mrs. Hilda W. Stidfole. From 1937 to 1949 services were held at 65 Main Street, Keyport, New Jersey, with regular and special committees taking an active part. In line with the spirit of progress the building committee was playing an important role.

The Building Committee consisted of the following members:

Mrs. Marjorie Burlew, Chairman
Mrs. Jennie Ackerman
Mrs. Alberta Frantz
Mrs. Anna L. Harris
Mrs. Cora Massie
Mrs. Alta Preston
Mr. Benjamin Williams

In the year 1949 this committee was doing metaphysical work for a church building. Meetings were held the second Tuesday of each month, beginning January 11, 1949, and were well attended. They were alert to take advantage of any opportunities which might be presented. On February 24, 1949, our local newspaper, "The Keyport Weekly," issued a notice which stated First Presbyterian Church, Broad Street, Keyport, was going to be dissolved. The committee immediately contacted, Rev. Dr. George G. Horn, President of the Trustees of the Presbytery of Monmouth, and asked if the First Church of Christ, Scientist, may have the first opportunity to purchase the property. However, at this time Rev. Dr. Horn would give no definite answer.

At the Semiannual Meeting in May, 1949, with this prospect of being able to obtain a permanent church home, it was voted that the entire membership of the church (this not being so large as to be cumbersome) should be members of the Building Committee for the following half year. Mrs. Alice Willis, one of our members, reported the possibility of purchasing a property on Division Street, Keyport, New Jersey. It was suggested that some one of professional standing be contacted and advise us as to the purchasing of these properties. A letter was sent to R. C. Edwards, Architect of Rumson, New Jersey, asking for information as to fees and designs. Mr. Edwards' reply was very helpful and gratifying. He offered his services without obligation to look the building over which was located on Division Street. This project did not materialize because the owners of this property, The Masonic Order, voted not to sell.

At the July meeting it was voted that every 5th Sunday of any month the entire collection should go to the Building Fund unless otherwise designated.

At the Annual Meeting in November, 1949, Mrs. Burlew was again appointed Chairman of the Building Committee.

A Special Committee meeting was called December 1, 1949, to inform all the members of the good news received from the Monmouth Presbytery, by order of Rev. Dr. Horn, that our church be given the keys to the Church Edifice on Broad Street with authorization to keep it so long as we desired.

With this new inspiration, a group of members met with Mr. Edwards, the architect, to talk over an estimate for repairs and alterations. He estimated the cost of Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars ($8,260) to make the necessary repairs and alterations to comply with our requirements. This included heat, painting, roofing, gutter work, plumbing, wash rooms, stairways, insulation, and general repairs. He also appraised the building and land at Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12,000).

Progress began to unfold, activity increased. At our March, 1950, meeting the property located at No. 65 Main Street, Keyport, where our services were held, was offered to us for purchase at a price of Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000). Because of this offer, a special meeting was called for March 14, 1950, to decide whether or not to purchase it. The vote was unanimously against it.

Saturday, May 27, 1950, Mrs. Alice Willis and Mrs. Marjorie Burlew went to Freehold, New Jersey, to interview Rev. Dr. Horn to expedite action on the part of the Presbytery. They were informed that Dr. Horn was out, but that in a few weeks they would be able to give us some definite information. This did not materialize. However, by July, 1950, the Presbytery informed us that two agencies in Matawan, New Jersey, Ross W. Maghan and John Tassini, had been appointed to sell the Church Property located on Broad Street, Keyport, for a price of Seven Thousand Dollars ($7,000). Again Mr. Edwards, the architect, was contacted to submit a new estimate. This time he estimated Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000).

The members of the committee, not satisfied with one estimate, suggested that several architects be contacted. William J. Taylor, architect, who was building several Science Churches, one in Asbury Park and the other in Westchester County, was asked to submit an estimate. His figures were Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000) to Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000). He also stated that the pews alone would cost about Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to Seven Thousand Dollars ($7,000) if we were to purchase them new. Frederick Fessler, architect, of Hazlet, New Jersey, also gave an estimate of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000). Mr. Fessler stated that other than to give an estimate he did not care to be involved.

By the time these estimates were received, we were informed that the Church Property had been sold. The chairman of the Building Committee and a few of its members refused to take NO for an answer. They held to the thought that it was not lost. A few days later word was received from the Ross W. Maghan Agency, Matawan, New Jersey, that the man who had paid a deposit on this property had withdrawn his offer.

With this new assurance, a Corporate Meeting was held on July 17, 1950, seventeen (17) members attended, twelve (12) of whom voted to purchase the Church Property for the asking price of Seven Thousand Dollars ($7,000). A deposit of Seven Hundred Dollars ($700) was made on July 18, 1950, as a binder to cover purchase of the Church Property.

Following the Building Committee Meeting of July 10, 1950, Mrs. Cora Massie contacted Mr. Philip Y. Eastman of the Chase National Bank, New York City, New York, (This same bank's name was changedin 1955 through merger to Chase Manhattan Bank, New York City, New York), to inquire as to our eligibility of obtaining a gift from the Cornish Fund, which we had been informed was available for Christian Science churches trying to improve their building structure. This Fund is held in trust with the above bank, and Mr. Eastman was in charge of its administration. The Fund known as the Selina C. Cornish Fund was given by Mrs. Cornish, who was not a Christian Scientist but who admired them. She left about Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000) to be used in helping small or young Christian Science churches in their building projects, the community of said church not to exceed twenty thousand (20,000) population and not over Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) total to be drawn from the Fund. For a grant to be available, it was required that the recipient raise double the amount in cash, or the equivalent in donated labor, or both.

By August Mr. Eastman informed our Church that a gift from the Fund was available to us, in proportion to our ability to meet the above requirements.

To comply with the above requirements the service of a law firm was contacted, and arrangements were made for Mr. Allair Cornwell, of Applegate, Foster, Reusille and Cornwell, Red Bank, New Jersey, to act as our attorney. The church members are most grateful to Mr. Cornwell for his splendid and co-operative help which he gave us.

Nothing of importance transpired other than the searching of titles, etc., until November 14, 1950, when we took title to the property in Mr. Cornwell's office in Red Bank, New Jersey. Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000) in cash was paid and a mortgage of Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000) taken out with our local bank, The Peoples Bank of Keyport, New Jersey. The man, in charge of the Mortgage Department, stated that they normally would not give a mortgage to a church. Divine Love seemed to intervene, and we were granted the loan.

Following the purchase of the church, error seemed to creep in, and much dissatisfaction was expressed. Some of the members felt it was a great mistake to take on so large a proposition with no money on hand. The Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000), which had accrued had been spent in the purchase of the church, and they were now faced with a mortgage of Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000) plus the reconstruction cost. The church building was in such a state of neglect that it was utterly unusable to hold our services until repairs had been made. This meant we would still have to rent our former place for services. Others felt they wanted a new church. From an ordinary business point of view, these people seemed justified. As the days passed, the condition of inharmony increased.

At the Annual Meeting of the Corporate Body in November, 1950, Mark O. Whitney, a recently elected member to the Church, was voted as a member of the Board of Trustees. At a meeting of the Board he was elected Chairman.

When the new Chairman took office, he was faced with the above problem of the possibility of losing what had already been acquired. He spoke to error with authority and stated, "We have a church building on our hands, are we going to lose it, or are we going to do our protective work and demonstrate supply right where we are?" From this point Mind was directing, Love was protecting, Principle was operating, and the challenge was faced.

The Building Committee continued their metaphysical work, and when a plan of progress was proposed all united in their efforts to aid.

The Board held special meetings whenever there was a need, which averaged about one every two weeks for the ensuing year.

During December, 1950, Mr. Edwards, the architect, submitted sketches for the alterations he had deemed necessary. He not being too familiar with Christian Science requirements, his plans did not meet with complete approval. These plans were left with the Committee. Mr. Whitney took Mr. Edwards' plans and revised them to meet the requirements of a Christian Science church. He also made a drawing of a chancel rail and readers' desk. On December 27, 1950, a group of members met with Mr. Edwards, and the changes submitted to him as a suggestion of our needs. He did not seem pleased and when confronted with the question of how to proceed with the work, he evaded it. All he would ask was how much do you want to spend. He also would give no cost on the repair of thesteeple which was badly needed. He stated that he was too busy for at least two weeks to make any more drawings.

After a vote of confidence from the Church membership, Mr. Whitney accepted the responsibility to supervise the complete reconstruction of the church building. Mr. Charles Kilcomins, a church member who was in the building business, offered his services to assist Mr. Whitney in any way possible. In order for Mr. Whitney to assume this responsibility, a clause in the Cornish Fund requirements would have to be clarified. It required the services of an architect where alterations were to be made.

At a meeting of the Building Committee it was decided that the word "repair" better expressed on the whole the work to be done rather than the word "alteration."

Mr. Whitney went to New York and discussed this with Mr. Eastman. He accepted the change of wording and stated it would no longer be necessary to employ an architect.

At our next Board meeting, it was voted to dismiss Mr. Edwards and to ask him to send in his bill. Mr. Edwards had stated in all of his letters that his services would put us under no obligations. He nevertheless sent us a bill for Four Hundred Sixty Dollars ($460). We eventually settled for Three Hundred Dollars ($300).

It was through Mr. Edwards modest estimates that the Building Committee had the courage to purchase the property. It was later looked upon as a result of the metaphysical word done by the members, and so proven a blessing, demonstrating that Mind was the only Architect.

It was now evident that if work were to proceed, the entire membership should become active in raising, through their own activity, by voluntary labor or by cash, an amount sufficient to receive a first payment from the Cornish Fund. Accordingly the Chairman of the Board prepared detailed drawings for the proposed work including the chancel rail and desk, preparatory to sending out letters for bids for the work. A number of the members, removed the old carpeting, old wallpaper, also the pews were taken to the basement, and did various other necessary work. Mr. Whitney volunteered to build the desk and chancel rail, the Church paying for the material. Mr. Kilcomins billed at cost the services of his employees for repairing the eaves, gutters, basement windows, and many other items. In addition he donated considerable of the cost. A close record was kept of the above work for purposes of the Cornish Fund.

At the beginning the work progressed very slowly and much criticism and dissatisfaction were expressed. As usual discord again tried hard to disrupt the work and prevent its fulfillment. The Board adhered to the truth that progress could not be delayed and let Love lead the way. It was realized that those who disagreed with the methods of procedure were sincere in their own thoughts and really desired only good. The results proved this to be true. Two notes from the Minutes of the Building Committee for May, 1951, seem appropriate. "It would seem as though the 'winter of our discontent' is at an end" and "Our building appears when impersonal Love opens the eyes in the awakening heart - Love for God is really the Building Fund of the Christian Science Church." (Church Building by Anna M. Friendlick)

The stand was taken by the Board that no contracts would be awarded unless the money was on hand or definitely forthcoming, thus demonstrating supply as progress was made.

Contracts were placed. Our supply in most cases was there to meet our needs. Mr. Whitney using some men under his employ did much work in the rehabilitation of the building. He also rebuilt the pews extending them from 11" to 14", thus making what was a very uncomfortable seat a comfortable one. The bid for the pews appeared to be more than the finances, at that time, would allow so the work was executed as above stated, the difference between our cost and the price of the bid was applied as a credit toward the Cornish Fund. This was approved by Mr. Eastman, who is in charge of the Fund.

As a result of these activities and with money flowing into the treasury,we received a donation in May, 1951, from the Cornish Fund to the amount of Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Six Cents ($3,667.06). These credits did not include the chancel rail which was not as yet finished or any design work executed by the Chairman.

The basement was just a cellar without a stairway from the inside of the church. This had to be designed and built to meet our needs. The basement to consist of the following rooms: Sunday School, Readers, Organist, Soloist, Board of Trustees, and Distribution Room; entire new heating and sewer systems were installed. A stairway was built leading to the basement at both ends of the auditorium, one near the street entrance and the other for the use of the Readers. The old pulpit platform was rebuilt to take the organ console, the Readers' desk, and the chancel rail. Practically all new glass was installed in the windows and a new oak floor in the auditorium, also a new acoustical ceiling. The steeple was repaired, shingled, and painted, new brick stairway with wrought iron railings erected at front entrance.

Our first service in the new edifice was Thanksgiving Day, November, 1951. It was a real thanks-giving filled with Love and Joy. The carpet had not been purchased, and the basement was not finished, but with all the love expressed we knew that our supply would come to meet our needs.

Just prior to 1952 the Chairman of the Board consulted with Mr. Philip Y. Eastman and Mr. Arthur L. Phillipps, who was Mr. Eastman's assistant and with whom a large part of the transactions were conducted in our negotiation with The Chase National Bank, with reference to our eligibility to receive more aid. Mr. Phillips after checking multiple figures made the astounding remark that the Church was in a position to dedicate free from debt. This came as a great surprise both to the Chairman and also to the membership of the Church, as we had not thought of making a demonstration such as this in so short a time.

The possibility of dedication was due to the final credits from the Cornish Fund and a grant from the Mary Baker Eddy Fund. This Fund, under the Will of Mary Baker Eddy, granted sums based on our total expenditures to date for alterations with the provision that the gift pay off the last indebtedness. Accordingly we received from this source Four Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents ($4,799.78) for which the Church is very grateful.

By February, 1952, we had more than enough credits so that the Cornish Fund granted us the balance of the Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) which they were allowed to give. The church members are very grateful to Mr. Eastman and Mr. Phillipps for their co-operation and friendly counsel in the execution of the gift to the Church.

Prior to November, 1951, we contacted the Wurlitzer Organ Company regarding the possibility of purchasing a new organ. After explaining to them our needs, they suggested we install a new organ and agreed to remove it at no cost to us in the event the money did not materialize. In November, 1951, a new organ was installed in accordance with our plans in the beginning. We had the free use of it until after Dedication at which time we signed a contract paying a sizeable down payment.

By June, 1952, invitations were sent to all surrounding towns inviting them to our Church Dedication. The Church was dedicated June 15, 1952, with three well-attended services.

Mrs. Cora Massie was First Reader
Mrs. Mary H. Rudolph was Second Reader

The order of the services was as follows:

Organ Voluntary played by Mrs. Adele Bowne, Organist
Hymn #95, "He Leadeth Me"
Reading from the Scriptures, II Samuel 22: 1-4, 7, 18-29, 31-33, 50-51
Silent Prayer followed by the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer with its spiritual interpretation as given in the Christian Science Textbook
Hymn #304, "Shepherd Show Me How to Go" (Words by Mary Baker Eddy)
Announcements of Notices
Solo, "Ye Shall Know the Truth" (Benjiamine Olis) sung by Mrs. Alice Temple Willis, Soloist
Lesson Sermon - Subject: "God the Preserver of Man"
Offertory
Hymn #117, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"
* Reading Historical Sketch and Dedication by Mark O. Whitney, Chairman of Board of Trustees
Hymn #264, "Onward Christian Soldiers"
Reading "The Scientific Statement of Being," Science and Health, page 468, and the correlative Scripture according to I John 3: 1-3.
Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26
Postlude by Mrs. Adele Bowne

* Historical Sketch and Dedication Address are on Page 8.

DEDICATORY ADDRESS
GIVEN AT FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,
SCIENTIST, KEYPORT, NEW JERSEY

Friends:

To dedicate a church is indeed a joyous occasion, and we are glad so many are here to share it with us. It is with deep gratitude that we welcome you here today, and we are grateful to be meeting here in this beautiful building. In the book of Malachi 3:10, from that good book the Bible, we read this definite promise--"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, said the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." This promise has been literally fulfilled here in our midst this day.

About two years ago we purchased this church from the Presbytery of Monmouth. It had been idle for a number of years and its condition was comparable to its neglect. Our funds at hand were negligible and we were aware that it was only by depending whole-heartedly upon divine guidance and supply that any sizeable work on the building could be accomplished. Therefore, with divine assurance, eighteen months ago we whole-heartedly started work on the church, each member donating his labor or funds. No solicitations of any kind were made, no fund-raising campaigns or parties were held. Supplementing this, each member did his daily metaphysical work, and bi-monthly meetings were held by the Building Committee, doing metaphysical work for the project.

We received aid from the Selina B. Cornish Fund and from the Trustees under the Will of Mary Baker Eddy to the amount of $14,799. The Selina B.Cornish Fund is in trust at the Chase National Bank in New York City. Mrs. Cornish, not a Christian Scientist, left some three million dollars to be used in helping small or young Christian Science churches in their building projects, the community of said church not to exceed a population of twenty thousand people, and not over $10,000 total to be drawn. For this to be available, it is required that the recipient double the amount in donated labor or cash. The Mary Baker Eddy Fund, the gift of which is based on the total cost of the church, is given on condition that it be used to pay off the last indebtedness.

No contracts were awarded unless the money to pay for same was definitely forthcoming. Work progressed slowly but steadily and the money became available as needed. The edifice itself expresses the quality of the labor and the value which has been put into it. The cost, including the renovation, has amounted to $33,000, proving the ever availability of divine supply. We are deeply grateful to divine Mind for the unfailing guidance and support. We also wish to express gratitude to the Wurlitzer Organ Company of New York City for the loan of this beautiful organ. We expect to purchase it in the near future.

I will now give you a resume' of the history of our local organization:

The exact date on which the first services of this branch church of Christ, Scientist, were held, no one seems to know definitely; however, there seems little doubt that the first group to hold services met at a home in Morganville, N. J. These services were attended by as many as thirteen persons at times. The individuals at whose home they met were members of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

In 1916 another group of Christian Scientists headed by two sisters held Sunday services in the rooms of Mr. Jacob Leffert's law office in Matawan, N. J. It resulted that the two groups decided to unite. This required larger quarters; thereupon, one member who had a music studio on Front Street in Keyport offered the use of her rooms.

During this period there were in Keyport many Navy and Army officers and their wives who were Christian Scientists. They all attended the services, were active and interested, and before long Wednesday evening testimony services were being held and also Sunday School. There was a Literature Distribution Committee.

Organization as a Society was discussed, a letter written to The Mother Church concerning this step, and a reply received, but no other action was taken. The healing of two cases of insanity brought more people to the services. Decision was then made to move to a larger place; therefore, in 1922, the hall in Keyport Public Library was rented for Sunday services.

Following this period, membership waned due to the end of the war and the closing of defense plants, but the small group which was left held services regularly and continued to work in the interest of the cause, and re-established the Sunday School. They then took measures to organize as a Society and drew up by-laws accordingly. On July 22, 1929, a meeting was held for this purpose. As a result the necessary papers required by The Mother Church to organize as a Society were executed and signed by a group of twelve.

The second meeting for organization was held on September 23, 1929. At this meeting the by-laws were submitted, approved, and adopted as by-laws. These were submitted to The Mother Church, and on November 29, 1929, the group was accepted as a Society.

The increase in attendance at this time made it mandatory to have a reading room and larger quarters. After much investigation it was decided to rent the rooms at the Scheyichbi Club House, 65 Main Street, which offered a large pleasant room for services, a reading room, and their own private entrance. The move to the new rooms was made on November 1, 1931.

On December 30, 1933, a fire which broke out in Scheyichbi Club House, and which would have destroyed the furniture, books, and reference library worth several hundred dollars, had it not been for the tireless efforts of several members, disrupted the

meetings and made necessary the holding services again in the Keyport Library and at the home of one of the members for several months. Upon renovation of the fire-stricken building services were resumed on July 5, 1934.

The only thing which had prevented the Society from becoming a church was the fact that they had no registered practitioner. In 1936 one of the members who had been practicing Christian Science had her card placed in the Christian Science Journal and that prompted them to think about becoming a church. In March, 1937, application was made to The Mother Church and on July 11, 1937, notice was received that the Christian Science Board of Directors of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, had approved and accepted the application and the Society became First Church of Christ, Scientist, Keyport, N. J. The church was incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey on March 23, 1943.

In 1949 the problem of obtaining a permanent church home was considered and after negotiating for many months with the Presbytery of Monmouth, regarding their abandoned edifice at 84 Broad Street, Keyport, this church held a special corporate meeting of the members on July 17, 1950, and voted to purchase the said property for the required consideration.

At a corporate meeting held in November, 1950, the power to make plans, execute the alterations, issue contracts, and to supervise all work necessary for the completion of the building was delegated to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said work to be approved by the Board.

In December, 1950, remodeling was started and continued until the completion in May, 1952. We held our first service in this auditorium Thanksgiving morning, and it surely was a day for thanksgiving.

Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, on page 583 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," gives us this definition of church as follows:

> "The structure of Truth and Love; whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle.
> The Church is that institution which affords proof of its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to the apprehension of spiritual ideas and the demonstration of divine Science, thereby casting out devils, or error and healing the sick."

Although we rejoice in having this beautiful material structure, we will have failed if love and healing do not radiate from it to the community, blessing mankind and healing the sick. Therefore, this day, June 15, 1952, we dedicate this church, free from debt, to the cause of Christian Science, to the cause of blessing the community, radiating love, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to the apprehension of spiritual ideas, thus overcoming error and healing the sick!

At this time words from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, found on page 199, are appropriate: "The devotion of thought to an honest achievement makes the achievement possible."

-----And from the Bible, Proverbs 3:5,6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

A description of the Church Dedication is well presented in an article which appeared in the Sunday, June 14, 1952, issue of the New York World Telegram. A copy is attached.

The little old blackwalnut pulpit used for so many years in the church by the Presbytery was donated to the Boy Scout Camp Housman Kiwanis Chapel, being built at that time at Allaire, New Jersey. The Chapel is a gift to the camp for undenominational religious services by Division 4, Kiwanis of New Jersey.

The financial demonstration statements are as follows:

The church was purchased July, 1950, for Seven Thousand Dollars ($7,000). A payment of Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000) was made from funds on hand, and a mortgage of Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000) was placed with the Peoples Bank of Keyport, New Jersey.

Work on construction actually started December, 1950, with cash on hand in the Building Fund of $2,764.21. Due to the mortgage, the church had a deficit at this time to the amount of $1,253.79.

There was $303.80 in the Organ Fund.

The church was dedicated June 15, 1952, at a total cost of *$37,465.39, free from debt and with $1,250 in the Organ Fund. Membership varied from 21 to 32 people with no large financial wealth among them. A fine demonstration of Divine Supply to meet the needs of the day! No funds were solicited or parties given.

At this point it is in order to extend much gratitude to Mrs. Anna L. Harris, our church treasurer during this period, for her outstanding work and the tireless effort which she gave.

Shortly after dedication one of our good members donated the shrubbery for the landscaping of the grounds in front of the church.

On September 1, 1954, the last payment was made on our Wurlitzer Organ Model 50 and Tone Cabinet No. 74 which cost $2,795. The church has only current bills on its books. In 1955 the church and property was officially appraised for insurance purposes at $75,000 and $82,000 respectively by two official appraisers, the former for the insurance company and the latter by the official Borough Appraiser, and in addition the organ and furnishings run about $10,000 more.

*NOTE: The difference in the sum of $33,000 stated in the attached World Telegram article and the $37,000 above stated was disclosed when a special set of books kept for the work of reconstructing the building was balanced. Many donations came in, not in the form of cash, items which did not go through the banking system, and therefore did not appear in the regular church journal from which the Telegram's statement was drawn. These donations account for the difference.

The church building is located in the center section of the town and has immediately adjoinining a large municipal parking lot which solves the parking problem.

It is interesting to note that the cornerstone of this little church bears the date of 1879, this also being the year that the "larger Christian Science Association" organized by Mary Baker Eddy became legally incorporated "under the title 'Church of Christ, Scientist,' with a provision that the church be established in Boston." (Page 151, Mary Baker Eddy, by Lyman Powell).

The Sunday School is held during the church hour, and a nursery is provided for the care of the children too small to enter the classes.

In relating this history the names of quite a few of our members have been mentioned. However of those not mentioned, each did his share in making this demonstration possible, giving love, support, effort, and of his supply. Therefore, to be fair to all, a list of the members of the church participating in the movement is here given.

In 1949 the following were members:

Mrs. Jennie J. Ackerman
Mrs. Adele Bowne
Mrs. Mabel Buhler
Mrs. Marjorie Burlew
Mrs. Helen L. Davis
Mrs. Marieta W. Duncan
Mrs. Sara W. Erickson
Miss Ella M. Findlay
Mrs. Alberta G. Frantz
Mrs. Marie Harris
Mr. Charles T. Kilcomins
Mrs. Lillian V. Kilcomins
Mrs. Cora B. Massie
Mrs. Mazie Oberlander
Mrs. Alta W. Preston
Mrs. Mary H. H. Rudolph
Mrs. Margaret Shipherd
Mrs. Hilda W. Stidfole
Mrs. Gertrude M. B. Slover
Mr. Benjamin F. Williams
Mrs. Alice Temple Willis
MRS. DOROTHY GARRISON

In 1950 four (4) more were added:

Mrs. Irene A. Cohen
Mrs. Elsie M. Christner
Mrs. Elizabeth D. Whitney
Mr. Mark O. Whitney

In 1951 four (4) more were added:

Mr. Percy Bulger
Miss Betty Jane Erickson
Miss Eliabeth M. Erickson
Mrs. Myrtle F. Hyer

In 1952 two (2) more were added:

Mrs. Marjorie K. Swertfeger
Mrs. Cornelia Lawrence

Since dedication two have withdrawn and one deceased; and the following five (5) added:

Mrs. Kathryn O. Gardner
Mrs. Agnes K. Milholm
Mrs. Elsie L. Morrisey
Mr. Everett H. Sharp
Mrs. Jean H. Sharp

At this time September 30, 1955, the church is without a registered practitioner. We are looking forward that this problem will soon be solved through Divine Mind. Our membership though changing somewhat during the period which this history covers has increased a little, and many new people are attending our services. Attendance at the services varies from 25 to 40. Our Sunday School has increased in size and is in a properous condition. Our lectures are well attended.

It is felt that the church is increasing in the expression of Love and it is wielding a good influence in the community and has gained much respect from the people of the town.

The foregoing is a complete history of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Keyport, New Jersey, covering the period from January, 1949, to September 30, 1955.

Lovingly submitted,

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Historian

We hereby confirm the above statements and herewith submit it to the Bureau of History and Records of the Mother Church in Boston, Massachusetts.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
KEYPORT, NEW JERSEY

Board of Trustees

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Clerk

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